



Rescue and value of African cultural heritage in the Canary Islands

A wiki powered by Semantic MediaWiki (work-in-progress)

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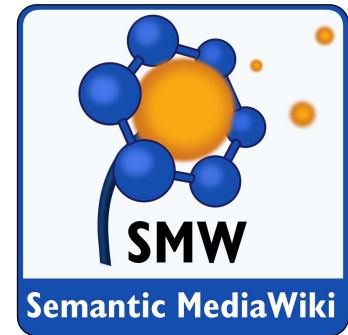


About the project

- Title of the project (in Spanish): “Rescate y puesta en valor del patrimonio africano en Canarias”.
- Head researcher: Dr. Germán Santana Pérez (University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria), Historian.
- Research the cultural heritage in the Canary Islands related with Africa or Africans.
 - Collect data.
 - Document photographically.
 - Describe.
 - Make recommendations for its preservation.
- Create a website to manage and show the data collected.
- Until the wiki will be ready, the data is collected in documents (.docx)...

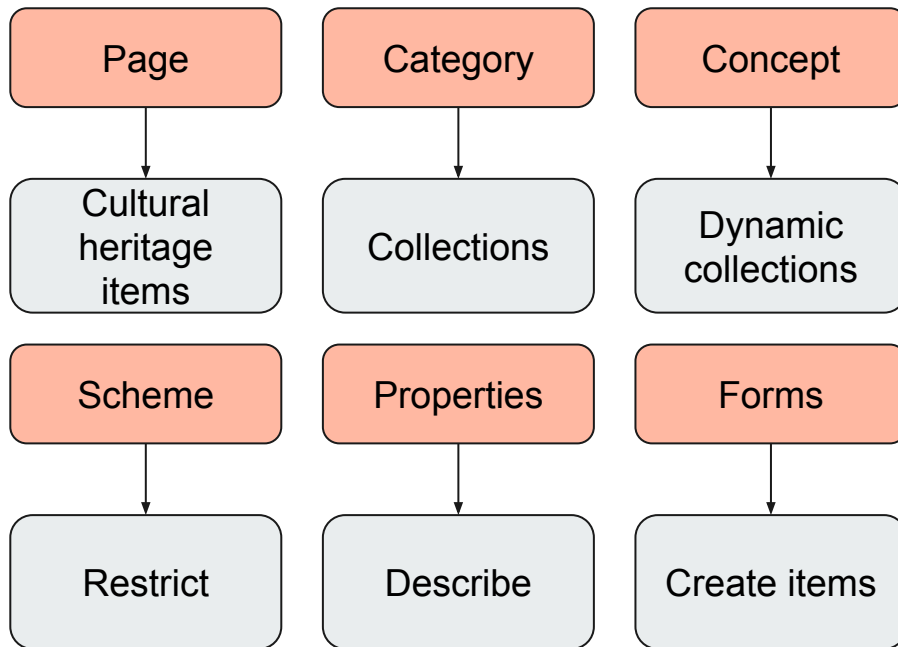
Why Semantic MediaWiki over other options?

- Capacity to manage several kind of data.
- Structured and linked data.
- Easy to query.
- Easy to create interfaces to read and contribute.
- A whole ecosystem of extensions to improve the SMW instance.
- A great community to get help and with contributors working on improvements and fixes for current bugs.
- Capacity to deal with the technology gap in humanities.





Compounds





Completed tasks


- Data model.
- Approach to CIDOC-CRM: imported vocabulary.
- Create properties, categories, forms and templates necessary.



In progress tasks

- Use the identifier (`Identificador PAC`) as the pagename and display a customized title: avoid having to disambiguate items with same names.
 - Identificador PAC: LP0004 → Use it as page name.
 - Item: Cuadro de Ánimas
 - Title: LP0004
 - Display title: LP0004: “Cuadro de ánimas”
- Browsing interfaces: create concepts and `ask queries` linked or embedded in the pages.
- Design a skin based on Chameleon and a customized layout.
- Keep creating items!
- Keep collecting data without .docx files!

Let's see the WikiLab!



Thank you very much for your attention!



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